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SUBJECT: QUESTIONNING OF LOCAL EMPLOYEES

1. EMBASSY LOCAL EMPLOYEES ARE BEING CALLED TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOR INTERVIEWS IN CONNECTION WITH PROCESS OF OBTAINING GPRM PERMISSON TO WORK IN EMBASSIES. LOCAL EMPLOYEES AT OTHER EMBASSIES ARE ALSO BEING CALLED IN.

2. LOCALS REPORT THAT TWO FONMIN OFFICIALS HAVE BEEN DOING THE QUESTIONNING. ONE OF THE INTERVIEWERS ASKS ROUTINE QUESTIONS, BUT THE OTHER ASKS QUESTIONS REGARDING EMBASSY OPERATIONS AND AMERICANS.

3. TWO OF THE EMBASSY LOCALS, BOTH PORTUGUESE CITIZENS, WERE ASKED THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- A. DOES THE EMBASSY HAVE A TELEX?
- B. DOES THE EMBASSY HAVE TELEX COMMUNICATIONS WITH NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES?
- C. DO PEOPLE FROM OTHER EMBASSIES VISIT THE EMBASSY?
- E. DO THE AMERICANS MAKE TRIPS TO NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES? HOW OFTEN?
- F. HOW MANY AMERICANS ARE THERE IN THE EMBASSY; PORTUGUESE? MOZAMBICANS?

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G. HOW MANY SERVANTS DOES EACH AMERICAN HAVE?

H PERSONAL QUESTIONS ASKED INCLUDED: HOW MUCH DO YOU EARN; WHAT IS YOUR JOB; WHAT WERE THE QUALIFICATIONS; HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN WORKING AT THE EMBASSY; DO YOU LIKE YOUR JOB; HOW MANY AND WHICH LANGUAGES DO YOU SPEAK; ARE THERE ANY PROBLEMS IN THE EMBASSY; WHY DID YOU RENOUNCE MOZAMBICAN NATIONALITY?

4. COMMENT: ONE OF THE FONMIN OFFICIALS ASKING THESE QUESTION, EUGENIO SOUSA, IS UNKNOWN TO EMBASSY, AND WE ASSUME FROM THE QUESTIONS THAT HE IS PROBABLY A MEMBER OF ONE OF THE GPRM SECURITY ORGANIZATIONS. MOST OF THE QUESTIONS ARE UNNECESSARY, SINCE THE FOREIGN MINISTRY ALREADY HAS MOST OF THE INFORMATION. AMERICANS ARE REQUIRED TO NOTIFY FONMIN OF ANY TRAVEL BY AMERICANS OR DEPENDENTS OUTSIDE MOZAMBIQUE. OUR LOCALS REPORTS TO EMBOFF PROMPTLY AFTER INTERVIEWS. MOST LOCAL EMPLOYEES WHO WERE ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT EMBASSY OPERATIONS ANSWERED QUESTION FOR WHICH THEY HAD KNOWLEDGE, AND ANSWERED "DON'T KNOW" FOR THE OTHERS.

5. WHILE THIS BEING DRAFTED, EMBASSY HAS BEEN VERBALLY INFORMED THAT FONMNIN NOW WISHES INCLUDE HOUSEHOLD SERVANTS OF AMERICANS IN INTERVIEW. WE INTEND RESIST THIS IF POSSIBLE.

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